

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application. Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance in view of the following is respectfully requested.

A. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102

Independent claims 1-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Witkowski et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,345,272). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

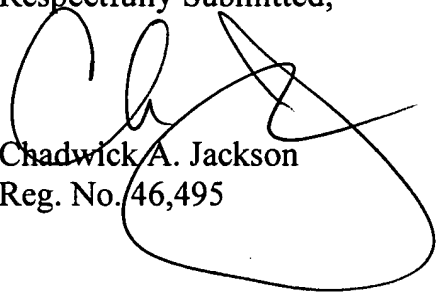
Independent claims 1 and 9 recite, inter alia, analyze the input and determine whether the input requires a joining of data in a plurality of different detail tables. Witkowski does not teach or suggest this claimed feature. In Witkowski, Query 210 corresponds to input received, however, the input received only requires an aggregation step. The input for query 210 does not require a joining of data from a plurality of table. The only data required to generate results for query 210 are from sales table 250. Thus, Witkowski fails to disclose or suggest all of the claimed elements recited in independent claims 1 and 9. Accordingly, Witkowski does not teach or suggest the invention claimed by claims 1 and 9.

Dependent claims 2-8 and 10-15 depend from claims 1 and 9 respectively and thus are not taught or suggested for at least the same reasons discussed above with respect to claims 1 and 9.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all the claims remaining in the application. Should the Examiner feel further communication would facilitate prosecution, he is urged to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 19-5127 (19111.0045).

Respectfully Submitted,



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